

Part

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# Introduction

This volume of the Plan presents the habitat conservation plans for listed and other sensitive species that PALCO has prepared in connection with its applications for incidental take permits (ITPs).

- Part B---Marbled Murrelet Conservation Plan---was prepared based on studies and recommendations by an independent science panel working in cooperation with USFWS, CDFG, and PALCO. This HCP is based on information about the terrestrial habitat and old growth redwood on PALCO's land, terrestrial murrelet surveys, and murrelet surveys at-sea.
- Part C---Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) Conservation Plan---reports the status of the NSO on the property; identifies inactive NSO sites that PALCO proposes to harvest under the Plan; and describes the habitat conservation, survey, and related measures that will be implemented to minimize and mitigate effects on this species.
- Part D---Aquatic Species Conservation Plan---was developed in cooperation with NMFS, USFWS, CDFG, and CDF. The plan is a habitat-based impact avoidance, mitigation, and conservation strategy for List A and B fish species, together with riparian-dependent wildlife.
- Part E---Conservation Plans for Other List A Wildlife---provides information about the requirements of other terrestrial species covered by the Plan and ITPs, examines how each species will be affected by activities covered by the Plan, and identifies measures to minimize and mitigate impacts. Each species is treated separately.
- Part F---List B Plant and Wildlife Species---summarizes available information , and describes how measures for List A species will apply to these species. At a later date, PALCO may seek to amend the Plan to include one or more of these species under the ITPs.
- Part G---Alternatives Considered---presents the options that PALCO considered to avoid take of listed species and the reasons why those options were not selected as measures in the SYP/HCP. Alternative conservation strategies as well as avoidance of take are considered.
- Part H---Discussion of Changed and Unforeseen Circumstances---examines events that might constitute changed or unforeseen circumstances under current law and identifies how PALCO will respond to such changes. The discussion includes a consideration of the No Surprises Policy rule adopted by the federal agencies in February 1998.